



MEMORANDUM

TO: Todd Renshaw, Chief of Police

FROM: Captain Greg Ward

SUBJ: In-Car Video Systems

DATE: April 10, 2009

The police department is currently in possession of several unused VCR in-car video systems. These systems include VCR w/case, camera, and related cables. These systems were removed from the patrol fleet after we implemented upgraded digital systems. These VCR in-car systems are no longer compatible with the L-3 system currently in use by the department for the recording and storage of patrol video.

I have received a request from Constable Johnny Todd from Collin County Precinct 4 asking for these VCR in-car systems. The Constable's traffic units currently do not have cameras and they are seeking help in becoming compliant with state laws regarding racial profiling. Constable Todd indicated that his office does not have the funds available to outfit the fleet with cameras.

We have a total of eighteen (18) older systems. It is unknown if all these units are operational or viable, but is believed that the Constable office should be able to combine pieces of these systems to make enough usable systems to assist them in their need to have in-car video systems. The approximate value of a complete working system is \$150. Many of these units are likely inoperable and will be used for parts only.

I am requesting authorization to present to council our desire to donate these systems to the Constable's Office to assist them in their law enforcement efforts in Collin County.